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First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

The General Assembly,

Having considered the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Reaffirms* the budgetary process as approved in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and as reaffirmed in subsequent resolutions;

2. *Also reaffirms* its resolutions 56/253 and 56/254 of 24 December 2001, and 56/274 B, 56/287 and 56/286 of 27 June 2002;

3. *Takes note* of the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003,[1] and endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of 6,896,100 United States dollars to support the meeting requirements of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for the period from 1 January 2002 through March 2003, under the following sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: 6,531,900 dollars under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services and 364,200 dollars under section 27D, Office of Central Support Services;

5. *Notes* the continued unpredictability of the service requirements for the Counter-Terrorism Committee's activity and the scope for absorption of some or all of the costs for servicing the Committee;

[1] A/57/616.
[2] A/57/7/Add.16.

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6. *Reiterates* paragraph 2 of its resolution 56/288 of 27 June 2002, in which it requested the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of conference and support services to the Counter-Terrorism Committee, without adversely affecting other conference services;

7. *Decides* to consider further the conference and support servicing of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2003 in the light of the Security Council's review of the activities of the Committee;

8. *Decides* to approve $9.9 million for 2002 realized vacancy rates and to consider the actual realized vacancy rates for 2003 in the context of the second performance report;

9. *Reiterates* paragraphs 133 to 136 of its resolution 56/253;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide information on regular budget expenditures on a quarterly basis in the appropriate format;

11. *Notes with deep concern* the serious and continuing deterioration in the business of the United Nations Postal Administration;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, as a matter priority, that the continuing downward trend in the business of the United Nations Postal Administration is reversed, considering all possible courses of action for the future conduct of its business, and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003;

13. *Approves* a net increase of 176,866,900 United States dollars in the appropriation approved for the biennium 2002-2003 and a net increase of 2,807,300 United States dollars in the estimates of income for the biennium, to be apportioned among expenditure and income sections, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General.